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CHILD LABOUR IN BANGLE INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Despite ban, children still labour in Bangle Units in Firozabad of U.P.;

(b) if so, whether the Government have examined the poor conditions in these industries;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government; and

(d) the steps the Government propose to take to eliminate the child labour in the bangle units in Firozabad of U.P.?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (d): As per the information received from the State government of Uttar Pradesh, 4656 children have been identifiedto be working in Bangle units in Ferozabad district of Uttar Pradesh.

Manufacturing of glassware, including bangles, has been included in the Schedule to the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 which lists occupations and processes in which employment of children below the age of 14 years is prohibited. In addition, the State Government has conducted three surveys to identify working children; besides officers from the Labour Department, officers from the Education and Revenue departments have also been entrusted with powers o f inspection; children identified during inspection/survey are being admitted to the primary schools and special schools/rehabilitation centres being run under the National Child Labour Project, Ferozabad; prosecutions have been launched against offending employers and orders for recovery of Rs. 20,000/- per child have been issued; families of working children have been linked with employment generation schemes and other development and welfare schemes being implemented at the district level.